

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin which comprises the steps of :

(a) preparing an aqueous alkaline solution having a pH value in the range from 10.5 to 12.5 ~~10.0 to 13.0~~ by the addition of a basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonia and water-soluble amine compounds to water;

(b) adding a a water-soluble magnesium salt ~~water-soluble electrolytic compound of a metal~~ to the aqueous alkaline solution, in a concentration of the metallic ions in the range from ~~within a time from~~ 1×10^{-5} to 1×10^{-2} mole/liter; and

(c) adding, to the aqueous alkaline solution, an organotrialkoxy silane compound or a partial hydrolysis condensation product thereof as the starting material, in an amount in the range from 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aqueous alkaline solution within a time from 30 minutes to 100 hours, under agitation to effect hydrolysis condensation reaction of the starting material.

2. Canceled

3. (Original) The method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin as claimed in claim 1 in which the basic compound is an amine compound.

4. (Original) The method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin as claimed in claim 3 in which the amine compound is a mono(n-alkyl)amine compound.

5. Canceled

6. (Original) The method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin as claimed in claim 1 in which the concentration of the metallic ions in the aqueous alkaline solution is in the range from 5×10^{-5} to 5×10^{-3} mole/liter.

7. Canceled

8. (Original) The method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin as claimed in claim 1 in which the temperature of the aqueous alkaline solution in step (c) is in the range from 0 to 40°C.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin which comprises the steps of:

(a) preparing an aqueous alkaline solution having a pH value in the range from 10.5 to 12.5 ~~10.0 to 13.0~~ by the addition of a basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonia and water-soluble amine compounds to water;

(b) adding a water-soluble magnesium salt ~~electrolytic compound of a metal~~ to the aqueous alkaline solution in a concentration of the metallic ions in the range from 1×10^{-5} to 1×10^{-2} mole/liter; and

(c) adding, to the aqueous alkaline solution, an organotrialkoxy silane compound or a partial hydrolysis condensation product thereof as the starting material, in an amount in the range from 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by

weight of the aqueous alkaline solution, within a time from 30 minutes to 100 hours, under agitation, at an intensity which does not increase the agglomeration of the globular particles formed, to effect hydrolysis condensation reaction of the starting material.